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Application of: Wei et al.

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Title: Transforming Growth Factor Alpha HIII

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Examiner: Spector, Lorraine

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**PROVISIONAL ELECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143 WITH TRAVERSE AND
AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 6, 2002, please consider the following amendments, traversal, provisional election, and remarks. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendments prior to examination of the captioned application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) an Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO/SB/08 and copies of references AL, AO, and AR-AV; (b) a version with markings to show changes made; and (c) a Fee Transmittal sheet.

AMENDMENTS

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 2-12, 14-16, and 21-23, without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 17 as follows:

Ac 17. (Amended) A method for preventing, treating, or ameliorating a medical condition which comprises administering to a mammalian subject a therapeutically effective amount of the polypeptide of claim 26.

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